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# Ski Heil


By  
**BILL CAMERON**



Breckenridge, Colo. six inches from the floor, is covered with a pseudo chinchilla fur spread.

**HAD ENOUGH?** If I appear to have rambled you'll have to forgive me. I was attempting to give you a partial description of Jean-Claude Kelly's new condominium at the Four Seasons Village here. I was there, along with several other writers and news media people, to cover the dedication of a mountain, Royal Tiger, and a new terminal building Tiger Number 1.

The bedrooms are off a walnut paneled hallway. This room has special wall headboard unit slanted for reading in bed. The bed, only




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# Trenton Surprises RU In 84-83 Squeaker

Redford Union ran into foul trouble and a stubborn Trenton basketball squad suffered its first defeat in a Suburban Eight, 84-83 squeaker.

It was the first defeat for RU and Coach Carl Andrews, who had defeated Southfield 70-64 and Allen Park 79-64.

"We made the wrong mistakes at the wrong time," said Andrews. "It was a one-point battle all the way."

RU jumped off to a six-point lead and held a 22-19 first quarter advantage. Trenton outscored RU in the second quarter, 19-17, but the Panthers managed a slim 39-38 halftime score.

RU ran into foul trouble with Gary Fuks, Bob Shaner and Mark Kenny all fouling out. Trenton also was hampered by fouls with two starters fouling out.

With one minute remaining, RU was up by three, but turnovers proved costly and Trenton's Steve Spalsbury scored a field goal and two free-throws and Trenton had topped RU.

"We needed a little something that was lacking near the end of the game," said Andrews. "We committed 20 turnovers, and you can't give the ball up that many times and play a good game."

"The game was marred by fouls with Trenton collecting 25 and RU picking up 27," added Andrews.

RU SHOT 72 per cent from the floor and hit on 17 of 35

# 4th Victory Trojans Win, 78-67

Clarenceville jumped off to a 10-2 lead and coasted to a 78-67 basketball win over West Bloomfield. The undefeated Trojans stand 2-0 in the Wayne-Oakland league and sit 4-0 for the season.

Clarenceville has already bettered last year's basketball mark of 3-13.

JIM HOVER scored the first basket and the Trojans spurred to a 20-9 first quarter lead. Bloomfield bounced back in the second quarter but Clarenceville maintained a 40-27 halftime advantage.

Clarenceville enjoyed a 19-point lead late in the third quarter but Bloomfield came back within 10 and outscored the Trojans in the fourth quarter, 22-20.

"We won the game on the boards," said Clarenceville Coach Ralph Weddle. "Bloomfield collected only 10 offensive rebounds and 23 overall in comparison to our 43."

PHIL HALSTEAD led the Trojans in their rebounding with 21. Halstead has been averaging 20 rebounds in the first four games.

West Bloomfield outshot Clarenceville percentage wise, 55 per cent to the Trojan's 49 per cent, however Clarenceville hit on 31 of 63

# West Wallops Schafer For 2nd Tri-River Win

Garden City West captured its second Tri-River win in a 78-66 walkaway over Schafer. The Tigers are at 2-1 in the conference and 2-2 in overall action. West lost to Melvindale 74-68 earlier in the week.

Senior 6-4 center, Kenny Pawenski, opened the contest with three quick baskets to put West in front, 6-0, but Schafer came back in the quarter to trail by one, 13-12.

West's Kurt Lewis popped in three from the floor to start the second period and the Tigers jumped to a 31-25 halftime lead.

"We went into a full court press the third quarter," said West Coach Chris Babler. "They had the shots but we outscored Schafer, 19 to eight."

In the final quarter, West went nine for 17 from the floor and outscored Schafer, 28-23, to win, 78-66.

WEST hit on 24 of 52 from the field and 30 of 46 from the line while Schafer connected on 17 of 64 field goals and 22 of 45 free throws.

A total of 59 fouls were called with West being detected for 29 infractions and Schafer, 30. The contest was almost even on the boards with Glenn picking off 42 and Thurston totaling 38.

Pawenski paced the West team with 11 points and 14 rebounds. Kurt Lewis followed with 13 points, Ken Kinsvater with 12 and Tom Jones with 11.

Rich Pilon was the lone member to hit the double figure scoring mark for Schafer with a 15 point output.

"THE KEY FACTOR" was that Pawenski and Lewis finally came through together and played basketball together in a team effort," added Babler.

West opens 1972 with the rival Garden City East clash on Jan. 4.

# Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Michigan's first winter racing season, one that carried within a week of Christmas Day, officially ended Saturday and now officials of Jackson Raceway and the new owners of Hazel Park will have an opportunity to sit down and review the past season and plan for the new.

Leon A. Slavin, president and general manager of Jackson, will have to conclude his studies rather quickly... he has less than two weeks to make decisions for what may be the most important meeting in all the years he has operated at Jackson Raceway in Jackson and the Jackson-Northville meetings.

For the new owners of Hazel Park, who hope to be able to complete arrangements shortly after the first of the new year, there are barely nine weeks to get ready for the earliest opening of thoroughbred racing in Michigan history. The 132-day season is slated to begin on Feb. 26.

For Slavin, it is a question of getting the show on the road at once... drawings for the opening night of the 25-night campaign will be made one week from today and the half-mile plant will open for business on Jan. 1.

Plagued by rain and snow during the final two weeks, the Jackson-Northville meeting dipped below figures of a year ago after starting at a record rate in early November.

A snowstorm held the final night's attendance down to 3,383 and the handle to \$286,858. Both figures were the lowest of the meeting for a Saturday.

The final statistics showed a total handle of \$10,763,460 for a nightly average of \$256,273 for the 42 nights. This was a drop of more than eight per cent from the \$266,045 of a year ago.

Attendance totaled 127,823 for a nightly count of 3,045. This compares with an average of 3,337 in 1970. That difference also accounts for the decided dip in wagering.

CONVINCED that the heavy, sloppy racing strip had more than a little to do with the decline, Slavin, who has long advocated a limestone or slag surface to make the half-mile strip a real all-weather racing surface, has finally convinced John Carlo, executive manager of Northville Downs, to install such a cover.

Carlo, who has a strong belief that the Northville track is the state's best except in unusual weather, has rejected all proposals for a Tartan Track.

"We have a Tartan cover on our paddock," he points out. "When it gets cold and freezes, there isn't a harder surface anywhere. It's just like putting linoleum on top of your carpet. The experience at Windsor has shown that a soft cushion of sand must be placed on top of the Tartan track during the winter to make it usable."

"That's why I have decided to use crushed slag in covering our track. A survey by a team of experts has proven that it will be even better than limestone which can get hard as solid rock in the winter and during the heat of the summer."

Carlo plans to work with a crew of workers starting Monday, if the weather conditions permit, to cover the racing strip with the slag to a depth of six or eight inches.

"We believe this will eliminate the track conditions that existed during the final two weeks of the Jackson meeting," he smiles. "We aren't buying either limestone or Tartan as the answer and neither do we plan on placing one or the other on the track and then have to remove it later."

Carlo has been discussing track surfaces with operators in the Toronto area where limestone has been used exclusively on the Greenwood and Mohawk Valley plants.

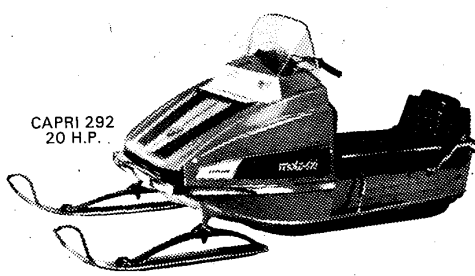
"They had problems with the track turning hard," he said. "We feel our slag cover will eliminate that. Incidentally, the new surface will be available when Jackson opens its meeting on Jan. 1."

WINDSOR Raceway, which found it couldn't compete with thoroughbreds against pacers and trotters at Hazel Park last spring, has decided to battle Northville Downs for the betting dollar next summer.

The Ontario Racing Commission has awarded Windsor summer dates of June 18 through July 30... almost identical with the Northville summer dates. All of which means Windsor realized it can't go against either Wolverine Raceway or Hazel Park trots but is willing to take on Northville.

Windsor's thinking is that there are plenty of gamblers from Detroit's east side who wouldn't go all the way to Northville but will make the shorter trip across the river.

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